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West Brookfield Sept. 13/40

Dear Mr Garrison

Since Lucy is writing, & inasmuch as neither she nor I know just how it happened that you saw fit to withdraw ~~your~~ ^{my} name, ~~that~~ ^{that my} name was added, - let me say that at the last director's meeting before the change was made, we appointed Mr White or Mr Draper (I forget which) a committee to see you & ascertain whether & on what terms you could be induced to give us ^{That Committee has never reported.} more editorial aid &c. It was felt by us all that the paper needed your peculiar tone & influence to complete the original plan. At a previous director's meeting also, it had been voted that my name be added to the list of editors. But I declined to have my name added, preferring

not to be made unnecessarily
prominent & not to be responsible
for the paper in any way, inasmuch
as I declined any pecuniary
compensation, ~~and~~ preferring to do what
I could, ~~as~~ a free will offering.

Mrs Livermore put my name
on the paper without my knowledge
or consent. I ~~know~~ it then with
real regret, but as I knew she did
~~it~~ from a feeling of sincere
friendship, I did not complain,
nor direct it to be removed.

But next year, I want your
name restored to the paper if
possible, for the Cause needs it
& needs the active service of your
vigorous thought—

The mean article Lucy refers to
is in Tilton's style. I think he
wrote it but should be glad to think
otherwise. It is weak & malicious

Very Respy & truly Yours
Henry B. Blackwell